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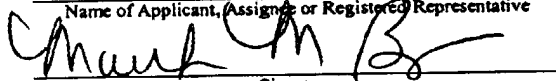
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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed on October 20, 2004, setting a one month term for reply, and in further response to the final Office Action mailed on June 23, 2004, setting a three-month period for reply. No fee is believed to be due for entry and consideration of this paper; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

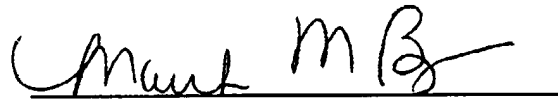
Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter and then reneged. (The first time was on December 11, 2003 when she telephoned Applicants' representative seeking authorization for a minor Examiner's Amendment.) The piecemeal examination that has predominated in this case has led to inefficiencies and unnecessary expenditures by both Applicants and the PTO, as well as extreme prejudice to Applicants in terms of shortened patent protection.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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